INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS IN THE STATE RUN BY PRIVATE AGENCIES—PARTICULARS OF

338. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of industrial schools in the State run by private agencies recognised by Government ;

(*b*) of them, how many institutions receive aid from Government ;

(*c*) on what basis is aid granted to them ;

(*d*) whether Government insist upon the managers of these institutions to disburse a minimum pay to the teachers employed in these institutions ;

(*e*) whether the qualifications of such teachers have not been prescribed by Government ;

(*f*) whether the industrial stipends granted by Government are denied to students attending the industrial schools run by private agencies ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* :

(*a*) 23 including 2 orphanages.

(*b*) 20.

(*c*) Lump sum grant at the rate of Rs. 10 per teacher.

(*d*) Yes. The Department insists that at least a pay of Rs. 10 should be paid.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Industrial stipends have not been paid to any student in any aided industrial school ever since the commencement of the Industries Department.

AUDIT—ACCOUNTS OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

339. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there has been any audit of the accounts of the Agricultural Department either during the current year or last year ;

(*b*) whether any case of defalcation of public funds has been detected as a result of the audit referred to above ; and if the answer is in the affirmative ;

(*c*) the extent of the amount involved in the defalcation and the name of the person responsible for the defalcation ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* :

(*a*) A special audit of the Veterinary Department that is under the Director of Agriculture was conducted this year. It started on 23rd Mithunam 1116/7th July 1941 and ended on 22nd Kanni 1117/8th October 1941. The audit of the Agricultural Department proper till the end of 1115 has been completed ; it was done in Dhanu of the current year.

(*b*) The special audit of the Veterinary Department was started on suspicion of irregularities. Orders have not been passed on the audit report, and hence it cannot now be stated with exactitude.

(*c*) Please see answer to sub-division (*b*).

COIR YARN DEPOT, MATTANCHERI—PARTICULARS REGARDING

340. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the present stock of coir yarn in the Government Coir Depot at Mattancheri ;

(*b*) the quantity of coir yarn sold by the depot during the last one year ;

(*c*) the gross income of the depot for the last one year ;

(*d*) the expenses in running the depot during the last one year ;

(*e*) the number of aided Rural Development Co-operative Societies in the State in which coir manufacturing is undertaken ;

(*f*) the average monthly output of coir yarn in all these societies put together during the last one year ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* :

(*a*) 114 candies on 14th Meenam 1117.

(*b*) 734 candies 6 maunds and 2¼ lbs.

(*c*) Rs. 2,202—4—4.

(*d*) Rs. 3,342—4—3.

(*e*) Ten.

(*f*) 100·5 candies.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura)* : In view of the fact that the expenditure is more than the income, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of any retrenchment ?

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